

to strengthening our community by educating, supporting and empowering individuals and families, she has helped to shape the many programs and services offered to their clients. From Head Start, early education, and heating and energy assistance to child care, housing, financial, employment, and holiday assistance as well as elder services, Diane has helped individuals and families navigate what can be a difficult and complex social service delivery system.

Diane's dedication to community involvement extends far beyond her professional life at TEAM. A board member of the Lower Naugatuck Valley Boys & Girls Club, Ansonia's Elderly Services Commission and the Valley Juvenile Review Board, she also dedicates her personal time to enriching the lives of others. Diane is an original board member of the Valley United Way, Griffin Hospital and BH Care. She was formerly on the Ansonia Board of Education, past president of the Derby-Shelton Rotary Club, and an active member of her church. Diane embodies a spirit of community service that we should all strive to achieve.

I would be remiss if I did not extend a special note of personal thanks to Diane for the assistance and guidance that she has provided to myself and my staff over the years. From providing local data on programs and services to helping to organize events, Diane has always been only a phone call away. I consider myself fortunate to call her a friend and cannot thank her enough for the support and camaraderie she has shown to me.

I am honored to stand today to pay tribute to Diane Stroman for her invaluable professional and personal contributions to our community. Her good work and advocacy has helped hundreds of our most vulnerable families achieve economic and social stability. While her retirement marks the end of an extraordinary career, I have no doubt that Diane will continue to find ways in which to engage and make a difference in the lives of others. I wish her, her children, and grandchildren the very best for many more years of health and happiness as she begins this new chapter.

GRIFFIN McCONNELL

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 16, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Griffin McConnell for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Griffin McConnell is a student at North Arvada Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Griffin McConnell is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Griffin McConnell for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

CELEBRATING MRS. KAREN  
SHELDON

**HON. JOHN R. CARTER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 16, 2018*

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mrs. Karen Sheldon for her sixteen years of service on the Georgetown, TX Chamber of Commerce. Karen's untiring commitment to making Georgetown a great place to live and work represents Texas values at their best.

After joining the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce in 2002 as Administrative Assistant, it was clear that Karen's hard work and dedication to the Chamber were unmatched. During her tenure, she served in many roles including Director of Development, Vice President, and Executive Vice President before being named Chamber President in 2014. Her time as President was focused on guiding the success and growth of her beloved community through advocacy, education, and civic engagement.

Karen's work in public service wasn't confined to the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce. She has continuously strived to make Georgetown a better city by serving on multiple boards and volunteering with numerous organizations. When she is not working for her community, Karen is a loving sister and proud mother of two daughters.

Retirement is meant to be celebrated and enjoyed. It is not the end of a career, but the beginning of a new adventure. Mrs. Karen Sheldon has left big shoes to fill as she has gone above and beyond the expected duties of a public servant. I thank her for her dedication to her community and proudly join her family, friends, and colleagues in wishing nothing but the best for her richly-deserved retirement.

HONORING AND REMEMBERING  
THE LIFE OF MR. JOSHUA  
WUNSCH

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 16, 2018*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor today to acknowledge the life of a devoted community leader and loving father and husband, Mr. Joshua Wunsch, who passed away at the age of 69 on April 25, 2018, surrounded by his loved ones.

Josh was born in Traverse City on November 7, 1948, to Ellis and Ann (Donald) Wunsch. A third-generation Grand Traverse County farmer, Wunsch, along with his wife Barb, son Isiah, and daughter Adele raised apples, tart cherries, and sweet cherries on their family orchard. Wunsch's passion for the trade was evident in his roles with the Michigan Agricultural Commodities Marketing Association (MACMA) and the Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB). He was first elected to the MACMA board in 1988, becoming Vice President in 1999. There he worked to promote and protect the Michigan apple industry until his retirement in 2011. On the MFB board, Wunsch was District 9 Director from 1988 to

2011, served as MFB Vice President from 2006 to 2009, served on the MACMA Board from 1989 to 2011, and served on its Executive Committee and as Vice President from 1999 to 2011.

In 2012, Wunsch received the MACMA Apple Division Distinguished Service to Agriculture award. In addition to his work with the MACMA and MFB, Josh was a board member of Shoreline Fruit Inc., Sleeping Bear Co-op, Traverse City Cherry, and Cherrco Inc. As a leader in his community and industry, Josh was well-known for his knowledge, expertise, and willingness to mentor others, and his dedication made him one of the most respected growers in Michigan agriculture. When not in his orchards, Josh loved to travel, enjoy Michigan's beautiful outdoors, and spend time with his family.

Mr. Speaker, Joshua Wunsch's impact on Northern Michigan cannot be overstated. His family and community can take pride in knowing that the state of Michigan is a better place thanks to his life's work. On behalf of Michigan's First Congressional District, I ask you to join me in recognizing an outstanding community leader whose contributions will continue to bless Michiganders for many years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 16, 2018*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, due to flight cancellations and bad weather, I was unable to vote on the Legislative Day of May 15, 2018. Had I been present for these roll call votes, I would have cast the following votes: Roll Call 181: Yea; Roll Call 182: Yea; and Roll Call 183: Yea.

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF FERN CARE FREE CLINIC

**HON. SANDER M. LEVIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 16, 2018*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 10th Anniversary of FernCare Free Clinic. FernCare is a nonprofit free healthcare clinic located in the City of Ferndale, MI. The clinic specializes in the treatment of individuals without healthcare coverage and helps eligible, uninsured people obtain coverage through the Federal Marketplace or through Healthy Michigan, a Medicaid plan created thanks to the Affordable Care Act. The clinic is open for medical services four days each month, and provides counseling services twice each month.

In 2008, a group of concerned citizens in Ferndale decided to open a free health care clinic under the direction of Ann Heiler, to serve the uninsured members of their community. Two years later, FernCare first opened as a pop-up clinic at a local community center, requiring volunteers to set up and tear down the operation each day. In 2009, I was honored to support FernCare's successful efforts to obtain a grant through the U.S. Department of Health

and Human Services, which helped to enable them to renovate a property to permanently house the clinic.

Over the last ten years, FernCare has served more than 1,200 patients. FernCare currently maintains the clinical care of over 300 patients a year with a small staff and more than 100 dedicated volunteers. Patients of FernCare receive primary care services including generic and over the counter medication prescription, lab testing, wellness coaching, and counseling services, as well as other vital assistance.

Mr. Speaker, FernCare continues to be an invaluable organization within Michigan's 9th District, providing essential services to those most in need. I often hear from patients and volunteers about the work FernCare does, and their stories are truly inspiring. I encourage my colleagues to join me in celebrating and honoring the 10th Anniversary of FernCare Free Clinic, its Board, led by Ann Heler, for its dedicated leadership, and the staff and volunteers for the irreplaceable service they provide to people in need.

DAVE MURPHY

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 16, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dave Murphy for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Dave Murphy is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Dave Murphy is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Dave Murphy for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

### CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF ROBIN BATTERSHELL

### HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 16, 2018*

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the career of devoted educator Robin Battershell as she retires after nearly four decades of incredible service. With her "can-do" spirit and high-minded vision, she has made Central Texas a model for innovative, child-focused education.

A native of Robinson, Texas, Robin's resume tells the story of a life devoted to education, starting as a third grade teacher in Houston and culminating with stints as superintendent of both Salado and Temple Independent School Districts. The hallmark of Robin's

career is her unwavering devotion to prioritizing children in education. "If you didn't think about a particular child today, then you have lost the reason you entered education in the first place," Robin says, noting it is the job of educators to determine "where the child needs to go, and do everything in our power to help the child . . ."

As a wife and mother of three, Robin's commitment to her community doesn't stop when the school bell rings at the end of the day. She teaches at both the University of Mary Hardin Baylor and Texas A&M University Central Texas as well as serves on the Board for the Temple Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of Central Texas. Her generous activism speaks to the very best values of our nation.

Robin Battershell's retirement is the richly-deserved beginning of an exciting journey. I salute her work and commitment to ensuring the children of our beloved home state receive the education they deserve. I join her colleagues, family, and friends in honoring her career and wishing her nothing but the best in the years ahead.

### RECOGNIZING BROWARD EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

### HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 16, 2018*

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Broward Education Foundation and its 2018 scholarship award recipients. The Broward Education Foundation continuously works to engage the broader community to make the Broward County Public School system one of the best in the State of Florida. These men and women have served Broward County with distinction through their efforts, and they have demonstrated a commitment to improving our public schools in South Florida.

The Broward Education Foundation helps to provide the students of Broward County with an exceptional education, enabling them to reach their greatest potential. The Foundation provides support for innovative teaching, educational materials for Title I schools, and Fiduciary oversight for community members who join in our educational mission by establishing Foundation agency funds.

The Foundation also provides students with scholarships that enable them to pursue higher education. These scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors who have exhausted all other avenues for financial aid, but still fall short of the financial means necessary to attend state or community college, university or vocational school. This year, the Foundation will provide over 200 of these scholarships to Broward County students. Congratulations to all of the 2018 Broward Education Foundation scholarship recipients.

Mr. Speaker, I express my deep appreciation for the Broward Education Foundation's work in our community. Their dedication has transformed the lives of students by providing them with the educational tools necessary to achieve. I thank them for their work and service.

### TRIBUTE TO ANDREW LIVERIS

### HON. JOHN R. MOOLENAAR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 16, 2018*

Mr. MOOLENAAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Andrew Liveris, the Chairman and CEO of The Dow Chemical Company, upon his retirement from the company.

In his more than forty years with Dow, Mr. Liveris has been a recognized business leader and a leading advocate for manufacturing worldwide. Presidential administrations of both parties have recruited Mr. Liveris to serve as an advisor and have sought his expertise; Mr. Liveris served as co-chair of the steering committee for President Barack Obama's Advanced Manufacturing Partnership and served on President Donald Trump's Manufacturing Jobs Initiative.

As Chairman and CEO, Mr. Liveris has continued The Dow Chemical Company's strong commitment to the Great Lakes Bay Region, proudly opening a new corporate headquarters in Midland. Dow's investment has helped the city grow into a vibrant community.

Leading Dow's collaborations with numerous governments on advanced manufacturing plans and steering the company's investment and industry leadership around the world, Mr. Liveris has exhibited exemplary management at the helm of Dow. Under his leadership, the company weathered challenging economic times and completed a historic, transformational merger, moving the company forward for years to come.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I am honored today to recognize Andrew Liveris upon his retirement from The Dow Chemical Company and extend my appreciation for his commitment to Midland and the Great Lakes Bay Region.

### HONORING THE LIFE AND SACRIFICE OF FIREMAN 2ND CLASS LOWELL EARL VALLEY

### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 16, 2018*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor today to acknowledge the life and sacrifice of Fireman 2nd Class Lowell Valley, who died in service to his country during the Pearl Harbor attacks in 1941. I ask that you join with me and the people of Michigan's First District in honoring the heroic sacrifices of our service men and women as Lowell's remains are returned to his home in Michigan after 77 years.

Lowell Earl Valley was born on July 20, 1922, in Ontonagon, Michigan. Following his high school graduation, Lowell enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was assigned to the USS *Oklahoma*. On December 7, 1941, the *Oklahoma* was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft. The USS *Oklahoma* sustained multiple torpedo hits, causing it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including Lowell. Following the attack, 394 of the lost service members were unable to be identified and were laid to rest in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific,